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OUR COMMANDING OFFICER

LT. COL Thomas A. Woodson, Commanding Officer of U. S. Army General Hospital No. 30, was born in Richmond, Mo., September 13th, 1882. He came to Plattsburg Barracks June 20th, 1918.

Col. Woodson graduated in 1901 from Woodson Institute, Richmond, Mo., and from the University of Missouri, where he secured the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1905. He secured his Doctorate in Medicine in Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., in 1907. In the same year he became Junior Intern in the St. Louis City Hospital, where he was Senior Intern in 1909.

He began his service in the army as a first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps in 1909. The next year he held the same rank in the Medical Corps. In 1913 he became a captain; in 1917 a major; and in 1918 a lieutenant colonel.

Colonel Woodson has served at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, at Ft. McKinley, Camp Stotsenburg, the Department Hospital in the Phillipines, in China, at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., with troops and in the Army Medical School. He was the superintendent of Corozal Hospital in the Panama Canal zone. He also served in the Surgeon General's office, and was the organizer and commander of General Hospital No. 3, Ft. Porter, New York. Since November 1st he has been the commanding officer of U. S. Army General Hospital No. 30, Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y.

Lt. Col. Thomas D. Woodson
Our Commanding Officer

On November 30th, 1916, the then Captain Woodson married Miss Pocahontas Butler of Elliot, N. J.

He is a member of Sigma Chi, Phi Beta Pi and Alpha Omega Alpha Fraternities.

Under the Administration of Colonel Woodson this hospital has undergone extensive alterations and seen a vast increase in personnel both among the patients and the corps men. His administration has seen the construction of two Red Cross buildings and the refitting of many barracks for permanent use.

Any enlisted man who has had reason to appear before Colonel Woodson with a request of any sort or with some business needing adjustment, knows how sincerely the Colonel takes a personal interest in all individuals and all matters brought to his attention. As a result, we know that we are stating a fact, when we say that the men of Plattsburg Barracks feel a strong sense of personal loyalty to their Commanding Officer, and show an eagerness to co-operate with him in carrying out the spirit as well as the letter of the orders he issues for their welfare.

His firm, gentle manner, his fine sense of justice, his absolute impartiality, his extreme solicitude in safeguarding our health, his more than fatherly concern for the care and comfort of his men, have long won for him the profound respect and affection of those under his command.

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FOREWORD

We issue today the first number of our weekly organ, the PLATTSBURG REFLEX, devoted to the interests of the enlisted men at this post.

To the Corps men who have served with us for months past; to the men who have recently arrived; to the Quartermaster Corps, to the Patients, the Nurses and Officers; and to our friends and prospective friends beyond the limits of the post, we extend our greetings.

THE REFLEX

At Plattsburg, the doctors' rubber hammers for testing reflexes are frequently seen—and felt. They are used to help *discover* a man's nervous condition. Reflexes figure especially in the work of the treatment ward of Gen'l. Hosp. No. 30. There they are electrically stimulated as a means of *curing* nervous conditions.

The Plattsburg Reflex aims to be both a kind of rubber hammer and a stimulator.

Like a rubber hammer it intends to hit without hurting. It will gently knock the absurd actions and words of all,—for our own good, and for the amusement of others. And it will help us all to realize the true condition of our mental reflexes.

Like an electrode stimulator it will attempt by means of news items, cartoons, humorous sallies, and editorial comment, to cure us of our bad army-post reflexes. In place of dissatisfaction, complaining, boredom, and impatience, it will seek to arouse the nerves of contentment, cheerfulness, team-play, and earnest endeavor.

We wish to express our appreciation to those advertisers who have contracted for space in our columns. We ask and we believe that our readers will patronize our advertisers whenever possible.

DOUBLE SUPPORT

The Reflex asks everyone in Gen'l. Hosp. No. 30 to help it in two ways. First, it asks that each of you buy your own copy each week. Some of you have already ordered a dozen copies to send home to relatives and friends. Some of you, however, think you can get the proper reflex from reading the Reflex over somebody else's shoulder.

In the second place, this paper asks that each of you help make it a good reflex of the life of this Post. Do you think there is any group of five or ten men who by their unaided brains and pens can keep the Reflex alive? No such number of editors can possibly know all that happens in every corner of this Post. To make our news columns "newsy", our editorials snappy and our "rubber hammer" columns spicy, the editors must receive a steady stream of contributions from many of our readers. If you find it too difficult to express your ideas and jokes in writing, come and tell them to us and we will write them up.

The Reflex must be everybody's paper. Support it.

SILVER SERVICE STRIPES

As soldiers, we are ever-jealous to defend the policies of our Chiefs to whom are due our splendid military achievements.

In the press and elsewhere criticisms of policies are provoked from time to time by differences of opinion. The amendment of the order concerning service stripes has aroused such criticism, creating discussion among civilians and soldiers.

The critics point to the fact that many of our men overseas, safely situated behind the lines, are permitted to wear gold stripes while men in our Aviation Camps in this country who risk their lives daily, may wear only silver stripes. The discrimination, though not intentional, is obvious, they state, arguing that if gold stripes are reserved to a chosen portion of the army, they should be given only to those men who have actually engaged in battle.

They conclude that the line is not fairly drawn between the men who have risked most and the men who have risked least,—that overseas non-combatants may wear gold service stripes, while domestic-duty non-combatants may wear only silver stripes, and since a line must be drawn, they add, let that line divide the men into a combatant and a non-combatant group with appropriate distinctions for each.

All domestic duty men know that no such discrimination as imputed by critics has been intended. In his letter of December 3rd, our Secretary of War stated: "These men who have fitted themselves for overseas service, and then demonstrated such high qualities that they could not be spared from home—have given as loyal and patriotic service as those who went abroad, but have been denied what their hearts were set upon —an opportunity to serve on the field of battle. There ought to be no discrimination against them by reason of the accidents of fortune which retained them here."

HISTORY OF PLATTSBURG BARRACKS.

There was a Government Reservation before 1812, on the site of what now is Plattsburg Barracks. In 1814, earthworks were hastily dug by General Macomb on the bluff above the Saranac River, near where the Catholic Cemetery now stands. Fort Moreau, the site of which is marked by a notice board on the east end of the Drill Field, was part of General Macomb's defences against invasion by the British from Canada.

The Battle of Plattsburg, which took place on the Lake in front of the Post (September 11, 1814), was an important victory for the Americans. It put Plattsburg on the map of history and wrested control of all the 125 miles of Lake Champlain from the British. It is interesting to note at this time, when the naval powers of England and the United States have fought against a common enemy, that the Battle of Plattsburg was the last naval engagement between the two English-speaking powers before the Treaty of Ghent which closed the last War that these two powers will ever make on each other.

The white stone buildings, the old barracks, were erected about 1840, and the red brick barracks in the early nineties and later. The Post figured in the Tercentennary celebration in 1909, of the discovery of Lake Champlain, and again in the Centennary of the Battle of Plattsburg, but it was not until three or four years ago that Plattsburg became a name of national interest.

In 1913 the Federal Government had established a summer college training camp at Gettysburg, Pa. In 1914 this Camp was held near Burlington, Vt., across the Lake. Military officials from that Camp became interested in Plattsburg Barracks when they attended the Brigade manoeuvers held here. It is a noteworthy fact that during that military show in 1914 on our Drill Field, the standards of England, France, and the United States were displayed for the first time together in an exhibition of tactics.

Immediately after the sinking of the Lusitania, in May 1915, young Elihu Root, Grenville Clark and others in New York, with Ralph Lowell of Boston, and General Leonard Wood together planned to organize a business men's training camp at Plattsburg in addition to the College Camp already arranged for there. This was the germ of the far-famed "Plattsburg Idea" which was destined to do so much in the way of arousing the country to the need of training the officers which the government used two years later.

In the two small camps at Plattsburg in 1915, the Y. M. C. A. under its Plattsburg leader, F. S. Smith, made its first official entry into military life in the United States. The significance of this is known to all.

Hikes were a great feature of the 1915 camps, and during the evening conferences on the hikes the Military Training Camp Association was organized, with the result that in 1916 there were two other Camps in the United States to carry out the "Plattsburg Idea"; one in the Middle West and one on the Pacific Coast. Some R. O. T. C. commissions were granted at Plattsburg in 1916.

In 1917 (after America's entrance into the War on War) there were two R. O. T. C. Camps held at Plattsburg and fourteen at other places in the country. In the first Plattsburg Camp, 6,000 men were trained, many of them being sent later to Camps Devens, Upton, and Dix to train men of the great National Army.

Thus we have seen that Plattsburg played an important part in the way of preparation, in the greatest war of all times.

MISS CAMERON; CHIEF NURSE

Miss Reba Cameron, Chief Nurse, came to Plattsburgh Barracks from U. S. A. General Hospital No. 1, Williamsbridge, N. Y.

She arrived on June 8, 1918 at a time when the old Infantry Barracks were just beginning to be made over into Hospital Wards. Carpenters, painters and plasterers' litter lay everywhere and plaster dust was ingrained in all the wood-work. The Detachment was undermanned, yet the hurry call for wards ready for occupancy had to be met.

Under Miss Cameron's wise and firm leadership the Corps men and Nurses worked incessantly, putting the place into shape. Ward after ward was opened in record time.

Miss Cameron has the efficiency that commands respect. She has been unsparing of her time and effort to see that the patients have been at all times comfortable and contented.

General Hospital No. 30 owes a debt of gratitude to Miss Cameron for her untiring energy in overseeing and directing the Ward work. All who have met her like her because her attitude is invariably one of helpfulness and kindliness.

In Memoriam

Captain

James F. Munson

Died Oct. 25, 1918.

in the service of the Country.

K. OF C.

Our club rooms are at No. 24 Brinkerhoff St., and are always open for the boys in Khaki. They will find there several attractions among which are Pool and Billiard tables, latest magazines, a Piano, Victrola, etc.

Y. M. C. A.

In a demonstration of Bayonet Fighting, Sebastian Contini, our Post Bugler, ably assisted by Jack Flavin, gave a fine exhibition of the manner in which he disposed of the 36 Huns for which he has been given official credit in Washington.

Pvt. Miles of the M. C. defeated Pvt. Jefferson, the dark horse, in a wrist twisting contest. Miles has never been beaten in this sport.

There is a Boxing Class held for the patients at 9:30 a. m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and for Corps men at 6:15 p. m. the same days. All patients and corps men should take advantage of this opportunity.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD

Services are held every Friday night at 7:30 p. m. and at 9:30 a. m., Saturdays. All men in uniform are welcome. There are writing tables and piano. Refreshments served. Entertainments are held from time to time.

WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE

The object of the War Camp Community Service is to care for the soldier outside of the Post. The soldier has full privilege of their Reading Rooms, Stationery, Player Piano, Pool Table, Victrola, etc. There are entertainments twice a week, Wednesdays and Saturdays. There are a number of hostesses every afternoon and evening to entertain the boys—also dancing every afternoon and evening. The Cafeteria is very popular with the men. Sandwiches, Coffee, Pies, Doughnuts, etc., can be had at 5c each. Mrs. John Booth is chairlady of the House Committee, Mr. William A. Dillion is the representative of the W. C. C. S. in New York state and in charge of the club, while Mrs Hayes is in charge of the Cafeteria. Mr. Dillion who has just been discharged from the S. A. T. C. is succeeding Mr. Armstrong in this vicinity and expresses the hope that he will have the hearty cooperation of all on the post. The W. C. C. S. has the official recognition of the authorities at Washington. Mayor Barnard has given his hearty co-operation in all work connected with this organization.

THE NURSES

The Talcrand Club is giving a masked Ball on the 26th of December in the new Red Cross Rooms. Officers and families are invited to attend.

Officers who keep the night kitchen fires burning in Quarters 4 have been recommended for the hospital vacancy as "Firemen".

We understand Miss Nellie Dugan is about to resign her position as housekeeper, and is to be succeeded by Miss Helen Lynn.

Miss Chris. B. McGrath of Quarters 4, is improving after a week's illness.

Miss Foster of Quarters 7, was removed to the hospital this morning.

Miss Helen Lynn received a letter from Miss Marjorie Wilson, stating she was awaiting orders to proceed to Germany. Miss Wilson was a former nurse of General Hospital No. 30 who left with one of the units for France last August.

Miss Sarah Church, Night Supervisor, was called home to Philadelphia on account of illness in her family

The nurses of the Hospital extend their sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Q. M. C.

During Sgt. Martin's illness, Corporal Edward Murphy, has been handling the Fuel and Forage Department, as an old veteran.

Sergeant Martin the "Coal Baron" has been under the weather for the past week, and his smiling face will be welcomed by all of the boys when he returns to duty.

After years of searching, Corporal Murphy, has at last found a "Black Diamond".

Sergeant Irish expects to spend the holidays at Sodus, N. Y.

Corporal Hern is comfortably located in Old Post No. 4, where he is in a position to do all kinds of pressing.

Sergeant Hoke looks forward to stepping out of the O. D.'s soon and resuming his important position with the Remington Arms Co., at Illion, N. Y.

Pvt. Harold A. Jerry, District Attorney-elect for Clinton County, expects an early discharge from the Army. Private Jerry takes office January 1st, 1919. An increase in salary for the incoming District Attorney has been approved.

Mess Sgt. Dempsey has planned a very elaborate Xmas dinner. The Mess Hall will be decorated, in a way that will make all of the men realize that Xmas is here. There will be music and singing during the meal. Sgt. Dempsey has extended an invitation to the Q. M. C. officers and their wives.

The sportier element of the Q. M. C. heard the "Call of the Wild" and answered it a week ago last Sunday making rabbit and squirrel life quite uncomfortable in some of the old hunting grounds where big game thrives.

Just what success was attained in the above hunting party has not been learned as Q. M. Sergeant Sylvester and Sgt. Rowe are men of very few words.

The Post Jazz Orchestra originated during the quarantine, its main object being to cheer the boys and relieve the incessant monotony of camp life.

Its first appearance took place at the Armistice Celebration, where it received a hearty welcome.

It has been permanently engaged to furnish the music for the Officers' Dances, the N. C. O.'s Dances; the dances to be held by the Nurses; and at the games of our Athletic teams.

CORPS COMMENTS

Sgt. Knox can be seen quite often in Keeseville.

In answer to queries we wish to say that Corporals Zybulewski and Messinger are recognized as Non-Coms.

Spurs will not be worn at N. C. O. dances.

Lance Corporal Klingenstein is still in line for promotion.

Our sincere congratulations to Sgts. 1st cl. Beckman, Carter, and Wortley on their promotion to the grade of Hospital Sergeant. They are all capable, conscientious, and hard-workers.

Sgt. "Parade Rest" Sullivan has returned from California.

"Personnel" Sgt. 1st cl. Martindale has returned from Chicago with one silver wound stripe.

This is the third time that Sgt. Hodgkins has been called home owing to illness in his family. He reports that this is a good hunting season.

Sgt. Henry W. Popp has shed his fur for the winter.

A series of physical culture lessons will be given by Private J. O. Seiken, the one-handed marvel.

For the benefit of our new men, Private Jaskowitz's office hours are from 6 p. m. to 6 a. m.

Pvt. 1st cl. Carl Meeker has been reduced to the grade of Buck Private and his salary reduced from $33. per month to $30. He is now on duty picking leaves.

Sgt. Macartney and Sgt. Florence who never wear field shoes at evening functions, beg to announce that no russet shoes are being issued.

As Pay Day approaches we are reminded that African golf will again be in season.

Pvt. Leo Bumfeld has been given a cake of soap for Christmas. He will use it commencing on or about January 1st, 1919.

Sgt. Nicklewski requests that nothing harder than Field Shoes be thrown in the N. C. O. Quarters.

The Guard house is open for business; secluded apartments are available for those seeking privacy.

At the Christmas party Pvt. Girard will sing and demonstrate his latest hit: Its the Wiggle, not the Giggle.

We sympathize with Sgt. Knight in his recent transfer to Boston. We understand, of course, that his duties in an orthopedic hospital will greatly extend his period of service in the army.

Domestic Silver Service Stripes awarded this week:
Sgt. 1st cl. Martindale.

Sgt. Pohl, is very much depressed because he cannot take his orderlies with him on Detached Service.

Private 1st cl. "Dinny" Moore is retiring from army life. He drove an ambulance for 9 months in the Champagne sector, and for 7 months in the Plattsburg sector.

"Business is bad this month" "Moe" Litsky states in his monthly African golf report.

Pvt. Goldbaum is back "gold-bricking" as usual.

Lake Champlain "is a right smart river" said Private Lambert upon arriving at this Post.

Sgt. 1st cl. Rossetti and Sgt. Seefer were seen together Tuesday night at Leonard's Dance Hall.

Letter from Fire-House Corporal Tobin to Top Sergeant Firth: We requests that a new duty rooster, will be made out for the Fire House, so we can know who is on and who ain't on the fire truck for next fire drill. Oblige yours,
Corporal D. A. Tobin

Some of our Outside Police complain of having become chicken-footed, scratching for butts.

Pvt. 1st cl. Bill Boyd has successfully introduced the popular song "K-K-K-Katy" at this post.

Sgt. Seefer will please call at the Detachment Office at once.

Lance Corporal Claude Heltsley is still on the jump.

Private 1st class Harold A. Lenz, our well-known ambulance driver, has resigned his position. "It was not by request" he stated to our correspondent.

Dere Mable:—We are here from now on. But we have been unable to determine how long from now on is.

Abie Mendelson, the Robert W. Chambers of the New York Vorwarts is now orderly in the Non-Com's Barracks.

MESS MUSINGS

The Non-Coms. express their hearty appreciation to Mess Sergt. Jos. Green for his efforts in making the Non-Com Dance a success. With due credit to others, he is without doubt one of the hard working non-coms. at this post.

It is suggested that a portion of the thrice-resurrected liver which was served Friday, Monday and Wednesday, be submitted to the State Museum at Albany, to be exhibited with other pre-historic relics.

It has been rumored that the food at General Mess is now digestible. It is impossible to verify this, however, as we have been unable to locate a Corps man who is acquainted with the place.

On account of the present Influenza Epidemic in town, the men at this post are forbidden to eat in restaurants. As General Mess is the only alternative it has been predicted that all of our ailments will not be due to Influenza.

At the Hostess House gathering last Sunday night, every bit of food was quickly gobbled up by the hungry Medical Detachment.

Dogs are hereby ordered to keep outside the limits of the post. All violators will be severely disciplined by the Mess Sergeant.

Our correspondent visited the Casual Clothing Issue room and found things running as smoothly as usual.

Sgt. 1st cl. Wm. J. Firth, First Sergeant of our Medical Detachment, is one of the oldest Army men in the Detachment. He enlisted January 21st 1913 and has been in the Army ever since. He saw service with the 18th U. S. Field Hospital in Mexico and on the Border in 1916. He served as First Sergeant of the Medical Detachment attached to the Second Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun Battalion, Camp Wadsworth, Spartansburg, S. C. He was appointed Sergeant, May 20th 1916 and Sergeant First-Class, June 1st, 1918. He is popular with the boys and well-liked by all.

In behalf of the post Orchestra, the manager extends his heartfelt gratitude to all for its cordial reception, and he promises that the band will do its utmost for the future amusement of all.

SPORTS

Most of those who attended the Post "Y" on Tuesday, Dec. 17th were reminded of the 17th of another month. Both boys, "Red" Tullis and "Speedy" Boyd started the events with four of the snappiest rounds of the evening, a riot of sport. Boyd had to catch a train and hoped to put Tullis away in one round, but "Red" held him like the Irishman held the wildcat, and the referee called it a draw. Cook Finland and Orderly May pulled some snappy stuff, and you wouldn't think that two such little fellows could hand out such a lot of entertainment. "Finnie" was in superb form and May knew it for four rounds of fine exhibition.

Lund and Cashulette gave us some wrestling ,the like of which we never saw before. Cashulette went down for a fall in three minutes, and in the second lap, Lund took quite a little punishment before he decided to wait until a later date to finish the contest. Eleven minutes were consumed in arriving at this decision.

The Tug-of-War between the Non-Coms and Privates was not what we had hoped for, because several of the Non-Coms, who were picked for their team, had to report for duty. This left the Privates with the battle practically won before they began to pull. The Non-Coms made them earn their passage, however, and let them know they were on the other end of the rope in two lusty pulls of two minutes each.

Sergeant 1st class John T. Rossetti has risen from the job of handling clothes in the Casual Clothing Office to the position of handling men in the Detachment Office. Just as he used to persuade a man that an overcoat fitted him, he is now equally successful in fitting jobs and men. "Jack," as he is familiarly called, is an all-round good-fellow and a real man in every sense of the word.

The other day two of our colored boys were overheard discussing the subject of Lumbar Punctures. They had seen one of our Captains give this test on some of their race, and one said to the other, "I'se watched dat dar Captain stick dat long needle into dis yar black boy's spinal colyum and d'you know de bleed, it come'd out white".

THOSE OFFICERS

On the 17th day of December, 1918, the Knights of the Round Table celebrated the seven and twentieth anniversary of the birth of one of its members, 1st Lt. John Spanogel Isenberg, D. C., otherwise known as "The Fire-Marshall." All present had a wonderful time. Due either to illness or to premonition some of the members were unable to attend. Lt. Taylor first dropped out complaining of a sick headache. Our worthy Adjutant next became unusually quiet and demure, attributing his troubles to a cold in the nose. The Commanding Officer of the Medical Detachment then became somewhat hilarious, his condition, however, remaining undiagnosed. Captain C. A. Patten folowed with some dark-town jokes as follows (deleted by the Censor). Our Scotch friend, Lt. Wm. J. Ross recited a few good ones smacking of Kilties and Highlands. Lt. J. E. Mambert, altho quiet, missed nothing which took place and vowed to remain a good Mason. Capt. Edward Conrad, Supply Officer of the 22nd Infantry, was the guest of the evening; his sole duty being to see that there were no infractions of military discipline, and he performed his part well. Lt. Isenberg as Master of Ceremonies filled the position in an unexcelled manner. Lt. Otis White acted in the capacity of Chef, and saw to it that nothing was wanting to satisfy the inner man.

The party finally disbanded at the urgent request of the Provost Marshall, and those who had been fortunate enough to escape lightly from the fray, escorted the more seriously wounded brethren on their homeward way.

According to the latest statistics, half of the Regular Army Officers of this Command are laid up at the present time with Influenza. The Lieutenant is slowly improving, however.

Lt. P. J. Trentsch, the Surgeon General's right hand man, is among us; all those desiring information concerning discharges will apply to him. Office hours two to two, two.

We must not forget the Prince in our midst. Altho burdened with a set of double bars his fame is well known in the musical world. We also have it on good authority that he has acted as instructor in the terpsichorian art to the late Vernon Castle and his wife.

The Summary Court Officer announces that he will be delighted to grant interviews to all those desiring information concerning the advantages and disadvantages of A.W.O.L.

Now that the end of the month is near, Captain Lamb is looking for signatures and Aladdin's Lamp. Beware!

Capt. Hollingworth is now in a position to examine all Mental Defectives, and wishes to announce that Officers are not barred from this examination.

Capt. C. R. Marsh, War Risk Insurance Officer, is desirous of determining the degree of disability of those men feeling indisposed at any time. Please report all symptoms, no matter how trivial, as he may deem them important.

NOTICE TO ALL OFFICERS. If you wish to have any good times during the coming month do not forget to pay your monthly dues to the Fire Marshall. There will be a Fireman's ball the 29th of February, 1919. Have your red shirts ready.

Any officer desiring a Special Order and Paragraph Number in regard to his duties can be accommodated by calling at the Adjutant's Office. Capt. Stowe is always, not only willing, but anxious to oblige with same.

Any Officers or other members of this command desiring to obtain information regarding the taming of wild beasts apply at Captain Marcy's office between the hours of 9 and 10 a. m.

Due to the fact that at the present time we are not sure just when this paper will go to press it is difficult to say whether a dance will be held next Saturday night or was held last Saturday nightb y the Officer's club of this Post. However the music will be or was furnished by the Detachment Jazz Band and all present will or did enjoy the good time and refrshments served.

All officers knowing any good puns, boosts or knocks concerning Staff Members or Departments, kindly forward the same to H. K. Taylor 1st Lt. M. C., Commanding Officer, Isolation Hospital, now acting in the capacity of Society Editor.

OUR REGIMENT

The Captains they was "L" road guards,
And football stars and such,
And peddled Read Estate to boobs,
What never did know much.
The Major was a regular
Who used to be a scribe,
And the Colonel was a fierce old bird
From some wild Egyptian tribe.
The Adjutant raised dogs and hell,
And knew the latest fads
In women's lingerie and such
From having written ads.
The Personnel was rah rah boys
And lots of other guys
Like what hang 'round Election time
To vote against the Drys,
And some was traveling salesmen,
And some was pool-room sharks;
Some used to save their room-rent
By sleeping in the Parks.
Some was he-stenographers,
A few was engineers,
A lot was foot-rail polishers
And free lunch connosieurs
Some slung hash and biscuits,
And them not broke was bent,
But take them all together,
'T was a damn fine Regiment.

RED CROSS

The Christmas Roll Headquarters, situated at 54 Clinton street, is now open and is busy enrolling new members. Beginn the New Year enrolling as a member of the Red Cross or renew your old membership. Miss Foote and Mrs. Percy Smith are ready to take your application at all times.

After a period of over a month's enforced idleness, the Hostess House threw open its doors to our boys. The House was crowded to capacity.

Refreshments were served, music was furnished, and the Yuletide spirit was reflected by the beautiful decorations of holly and evergreen.

Mrs. L. E. Graham, the Directress, and Mrs. J. T. Moore, the Y. W. C. A. Social Worker, were surprised at the size of the great gathering, but were not unprepared.

These two very popular hostesses have endeared themselves to the hearts of our boys. We extend to them and the Y. W. C. A. sincere holiday greetings.

The New Red Cross Building opens its doors on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 24th. Refreshments will be served. On Christmas Eve., with music in the air and with a multitude of Christmas Trees gorgeously arrayed in holiday tinsel and overloaded with good things, several Santa Clauses dressed in St. Nick's familiar garb, will distribute gifts for the Red Cross to each man. Every enlisted man at the Post is invited. Major Byron Brooks, the Red Cross Field Director here, has labored incessantly to have the building ready for occupancy, and to him and the Red Cross we extend our heartiest Holiday greetings and good wishes.

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